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SUBJ: REMARKS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DEFENSE MINISTER PERES

FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAMS IN JERUSALEM

DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 20, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE REMARKS OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE ISRAELI AND AMERICAN NEGOTIATING TEAMS IN JERUSALEM ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 20, 1975.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER: BEGIN QUOTE: WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM AND THEY PRESENTED TO US THE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS AND IDEAS OF THE EGYPTIAN SIDE THAT I BROUGHT HERE. I AM NOW LEAVING IMMEDIATELY FOR THE AIRPORT AND WILL GO TO ASWAN AND WILL BE DISCUSSING THESE ISRAELI PROPOSALS WITH PRESIDENT
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SADAT AND HIS ADVISERS. THANK YOU.

3. Q: NEW PROPOSALS? ARE THEY NEW PROPOSALS?

A: SECRETARY KISSINGER: I THINK THERE ARE SOME NEW IDEAS, YES.

4. Q: IS AN AGREEMENT CLOSE, SIR? WOULD YOU SAY THAT IT WAS CLOSER?

A: SECRETARY KISSINGER: I DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE. I WILL BE BACK, I HOPE, TOMORROW AND I WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A BETTER ASSESSMENT THEN. THANK YOU.
END QUOTE.

5. AT THIS POINT THE SECRETARY DEPARTED FOR THE AIRPORT.

6. DEFENSE MINISTER PERES: BEGIN QUOTE: WE GAVE THE COMPLETE PROPOSAL OF THE ISRAELI CABINET TO DR KISSINGER.

7. Q: WERE THERE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL ISRAELI GUIDELINES FOR A SETTLEMENT?

A: WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR PROPOSALS THIS AFTERNOON.

8. Q: IS THE GAP CLOSING? IS THE GAP VERY WIDE? HAS IT NARROWED SOMEWHAT?

A: CAN I SEE FROM HERE UP TO CAIRO HOW MANY GAPS ARE THERE ON THE WAY? I WOULDN'T GUESS.

9. A: DID DR KISSINGER RAISE ANY OF HIS OWN IDEAS?

A: WELL, IT IS A DIALOGUE AND BOTH SIDES ARE SUGGESTING AND QUESTIONING AND ANSWERING. AS THE NATURE OF THINGS ARE.

10. Q: HAS HE INTRODUCED AMERICAN IDEAS?

A: WELL, HOW CAN I SPEAK FOR THE UNITED STATES? BUT, USUALLY IT IS A NEGOTIATION, A CLARIFICATION, AND IT WORKS IN A WAY OF CONVERSATIONS, YOU KNOW.

11. Q: WHEN DO YOU EXPECT HIM BACK TOMORROW?

A: I HOPE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE SHABBAT COMES IN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END QUOTE.
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